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July 8, 2004

Honorable James H. Welsh  
Commissioner of Conservation  
State of Louisiana  
Post Office Box 44275  
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Re: APPLICATION FOR PUBLIC HEARING.

Cotton Valley Formation, DANVILLE FIELD,  
Bienville Parish, Louisiana.

Dear Sir:

WILL-DRILL PRODUCTION CO., INC. ("Applicant"), hereby respectfully applies for a public hearing to consider evidence relative to the issuance of an Order pertaining to the following matters relating to the Cotton Valley Formation, in the Danville Field, Bienville Parish, Louisiana:

1. To authorize Applicant to drill, designate and utilize a substitute unit well for CV A SU58 at the location shown on the attached plat, in exception to the well location provisions of Office of Conservation Order No. 729-E, effective September 1, 1974.
2. To designate Applicant as Operator of CV A SU58.
3. To find that the proposed substitute unit well is necessary to efficiently and economically drain a portion of the Cotton Valley Formation underlying CV A SU58 which cannot be efficiently and economically drained by any existing well on this unit.
4. To consider such other matters as may be appropriate and justified by the evidence presented at the hearing.

The Cotton Valley Formation in the Danville Field, Bienville Parish, Louisiana, was defined in Office of Conservation Order No. 729-E, effective September 1, 1974.

Pertinent data concerning this application is available for inspection at the offices of Will-Drill Production Co., Inc., 416 Travis Street, Suite 1200, Shreveport, Louisiana 71101. Any person desiring to inspect such data should call Mr. Daryl Fultz at (318) 222-7464 during normal business hours in order to arrange a date and time for such inspection. A copy of any such data

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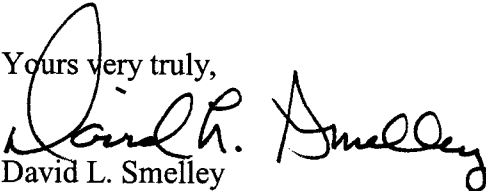
which is not otherwise available at the Office of Conservation can be obtained from Applicant at the expense of the requesting party.

As provided by the Revised Rules of Procedure, the subject matter of this application does not require the issuance of a pre-application notice; therefore, no such notice has been issued.

Pursuant to the aforesaid Rules of Procedure, Applicant has made a reasonable effort to obtain the names and addresses of all Interested Owners, Represented Parties and Interested Parties to whom notice of this application is being sent and has attached hereto a list of the names and addresses of such parties. A copy of this letter, and of the attached plat, is being sent to the District Manager of the Shreveport District of the Office of Conservation and to the Interested Owners, Represented Parties and Interested Parties, as shown on the attached list.

Applicant will provide for posting of a copy of the Legal Notice of this hearing, and the enclosed plat, at a prominent place in the area affected and will cause publication of the Legal Notice in a newspaper published in the general area of Danville Field, all in accordance with the Revised Rules of Procedure. Furthermore, Applicant will mail a copy of the Legal Notice to all Interested Owners, Represented Parties and Interested Parties promptly upon receipt of the Legal Notice from the Commissioner.

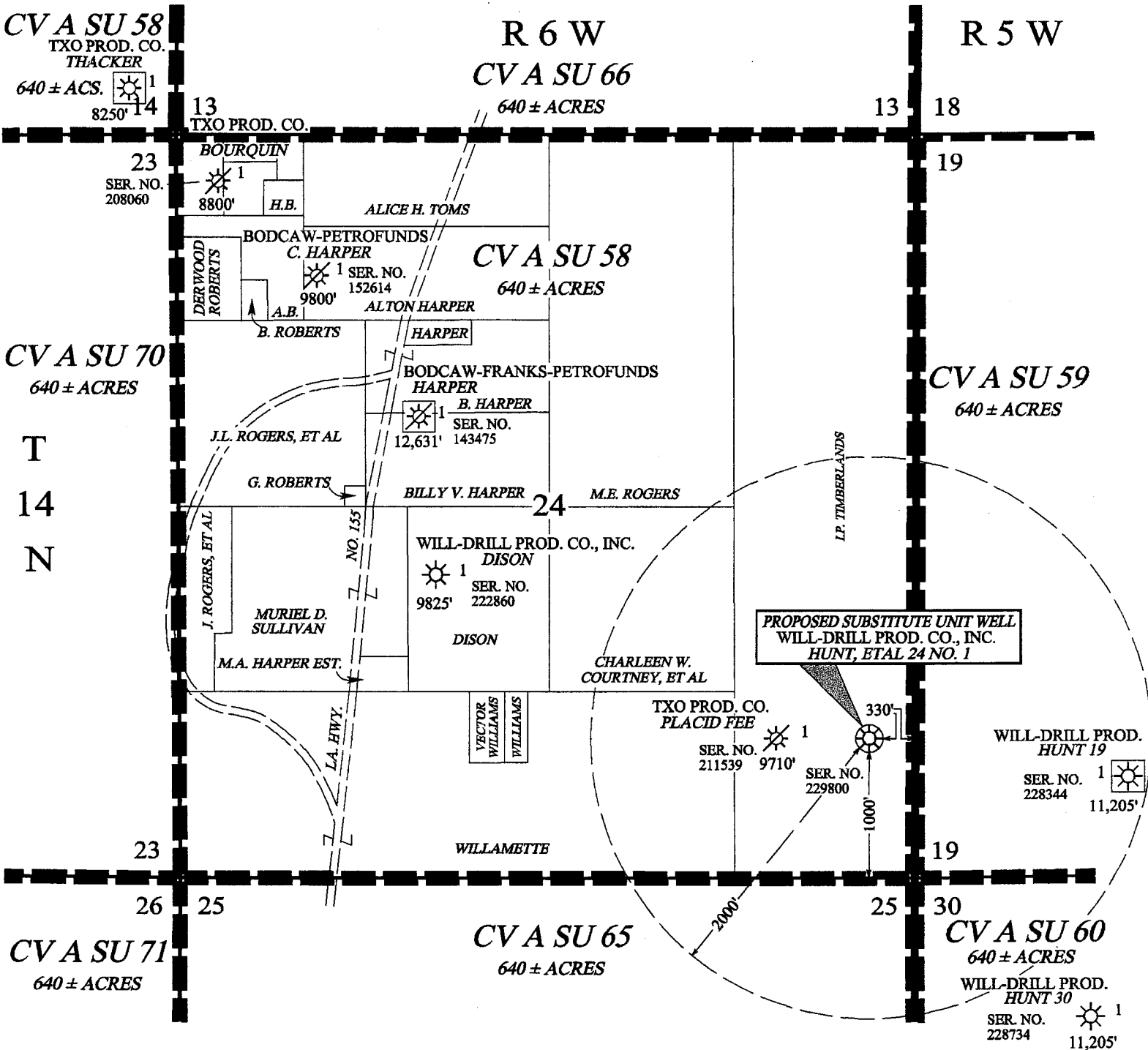
A check payable to the Office of Conservation and covering the application fee is enclosed.

Yours very truly,  
  
David L. Smelley

-- Attorney for Will-Drill Production Co., Inc.

DLS:dp  
Enclosures

cc: Mr. Jim Broussard (w/encls.)  
Mr. Kem Hargrove (w/encls.)  
Mr. Daryl Fultz (w/encls.)  
Interested Owners, Represented  
Parties and Interested Parties (w/plat only)



**WILL-DRILL PRODUCTION CO., INC.**  
SHREVEPORT, LOUISIANA

**DANVILLE FIELD**  
BIENVILLE PARISH, LOUISIANA

**PROPOSED SUBSTITUTE UNIT WELL FOR  
COTTON VALLEY RESERVOIR A SAND UNIT 58**

